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SUBJECT: LIBERALS DECLINE FURTHER IN POPULAR STANDINGS

1. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST GALLUP POLL, CONDUCTED IN
EARLY DECEMBER, THE LIBERALS HAD 42 PERCENT OF THE
POPULAR SUPPORT, DOWN TWO PERCENT FROM THE NOVEMBER
POLL; THE CONSERVATIVES REMAINED AT 34 PERCENT; AND
THE NEW DEMOCRATS HAD 19 PERCENT, UP ONE PERCENT, THE
NDP'S BEST SHOWING IN MORE THAN A YEAR.

2. COMMENT: THE MOST STRIKING ASPECT OF THIS LATEST
POLL IS THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDECIDED,
36 PERCENT, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF THREE PERCENT FROM
NOVEMBER. WE HAVE NO BREAKDOWN OF THE POLL RESULTS BY
PROVINCE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE LIBERALS CONTINUE
TO LEAD STRONGLY IN QUEBEC AND HAVE EDGE IN ONTARIO
AND THAT CONSERVATIVES RETAIN THEIR GRIP IN THE WEST.
THE TREND AGAINST THE LIBERALS WHICH HAS BEEN EVIDENT
IN THE RECENT POLLS, PLUS THE GRIM ECONOMIC FORECASTS,
MAY PERSUADE TRUDEAU TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN THE FALL
RATHER THAN THIS SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER.

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